

STEPS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY follow these steps:

INSTRUCTIONS	ONLINE LINKS (All links may be found by going to arkansased.org, click on "E", then click on "Educator Licensure Unit", then on "Background Check Requirements")
STEP ONE (PAYING) Read the instructions given on the Online Payments for ASP and FBI document. Pay online with a debit or credit card. Print the receipt.	Go to www.arkansased.gov Choose "B" for Background Checks Online Payment Instructions are under "Related Files" on the right side of the web page, choose: Instructions for Payment for Online ASP and FBI Background Checks Online Payment Webpage: www.ar.gov/ADEbackground
STEP TWO (CONSENT FORM) Complete the ONLINE CONSENT FORM. Print the form when completed. (The applicant may download the form to a mobile device.)	Online Consent Form: Go to www.arkansased.gov Choose "B" for Background Checks – form is on the page or Copy and paste link:
STEP THREE (FINGERPRINTING) OBTAIN A PRE-PRINTED FINGERPRINT CARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Go to a local law enforcement office for fingerprinting, and bring with you: • A Department of Education pre-printed fingerprint card • A copy of the receipt with the transaction number (an electronic copy is acceptable) • A copy of the Online Consent Form • Your government-issued photo ID	If livescan fingerprinting is chosen, it must be done in Arkansas. Go to www.arkansased.gov , choose "B" for Background Checks Under "Related Files" on the right side of the web page, choose: List of Approved Live Scan Locations Map of Education Service Cooperatives
RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS (consent form, fingerprints) to the Department of Education	

- * If a fingerprint card other than an ADE preprinted fingerprint card is used, the fingerprint card will be returned to the applicant, who will have to be re-fingerprinted. Note that a background check using a fingerprint card will take longer to process.
- * If fingerprints are rejected by the FBI, the applicant will be asked to obtain inked fingerprints. The State Police will send the applicant a letter and the instructions in that letter should be followed explicitly. If the inked fingerprints are also rejected, the FBI will conduct a records check using the applicant's name.